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Applicants	Marc R. Amling, <i>et al.</i>
Serial No. 10/034,273	Filing Date: December 28, 2001
Title of Application:	Replaceable Hardware Component of a Camera Control Unit for Video Systems
Confirmation No. 9457	Group Art Unit: 2615

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Statement of Unintentional Delay**

Dear Sir:

In support of Applicant's Petition for Petition to Claim Benefit of Earlier Filing Date and Cross-References to Other Applications, Applicants submit the following requisite statement regarding the unintentional nature of the entire delay.

On December 28, 2001, the filing date for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/034,273, Applicants filed the application without having the serial number for U.S. Application No. 10/039,931 because the '931 application was filed only weeks earlier on November 9, 2001.

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Applicants later failed to amend and submit a Preliminary Amendment, which is now attached, to properly identify the '931 application when the serial number was available.

Applicants recently discovered this omission and submit the attached Petition and fee to correctly identify the prior-filed '931 application.

Applicants respectfully submit that based on the above, the delay was entirely unintentional and in no way deliberate or the result of a deliberately chosen course of action. At no time did the applicants or the attorneys involved make a decision to omit the reference to the '931 application. The delay was an unintentional oversight on the part of the attorneys prosecuting the application and was not a deliberate decision. Given the unintentional nature of the delay, it is respectfully requested that the present Petition be granted.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



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